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Long Live Friendship and Solidarity between Korean People and Southern Yemen People!

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Qahtan Muhammed Al-Shaabi, President of the People's Republic of Southern Yemen, and his party who paid a state visit on May 27 to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea at the invitation of Marshal Kim Il Sung, Head of State and Premier of the Cabinet of the DPRK left Pyongyang on June 6 by special plane after successfully completing their itinerary.

As reported in the previous issue, President Qahtan Muhammed Al-Shaabi of the PRSY and his party were warmly welcomed by the people wherever they went in the northern half of the DPRK.

The following is the latest reports on their sojourn.

Talks

Marshal Kim Il Sung, Head of State and Premier of the Cabinet of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and Qahtan Muhammed Al-Shaabi, President of the People's Republic of Southern Yemen, held talks on May 28 and May 31.

Present at the talks from the Korean side were Choi Yong Kun, President of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly; Kim Il, First vice-Premier; Pak Sung Chul, vice-Premier and Foreign Minister; and Chin Moon Duk, Minister of City Management; Bang Chil Sung, vice-Chairman of the Agricultural Commission; Kong Jin Tai, vice-Chairman of the Committee for Foreign Economic Relations; and Hong Man Pyo, Ambassador of the DPRK to the People's Republic of Southern Yemen.

Present at the talks from the side of the People's Republic of Southern Yemen were Saif Ahmed Dhalai, Minister of Finance; Ahmed Saleh Al-Shair, Minister of Agrarian Reform; and Haider Abubaker Al-Atas, Minister of Public Works and Communication.

Views were exchanged at the talks on the question of further strengthening and developing the relations of friendship and cooperation between the two countries and a number of questions of common concern.

The talks proceeded in a friendly atmosphere from beginning to end.

Agreement on DPRK Rendering Free Econ. Aid of PRSY Inked

PYONGYANG, June 6 (KCNA)— An agreement on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea rendering economic aid to the People's Republic of Southern Yemen was signed yesterday in Pyongyang between the Governments of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the People's Republic of Southern Yemen.

Present at the signing ceremony were Comrade Kim Il Sung, Head of State and Premier of the Cabinet of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea; and Choi Yong Kun, President of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly; Kim Il, First vice-Premier; Pak Sung Chul, vice-Premier and Foreign Minister; Yoon Ki Bok, Minister of Finance; Chin Moon Duk, Minister of City Management; Bang Chil Sung, vice-Chairman of the Agricultural Commission; Kong Jin Tai, vice-Chairman of the Committee for Foreign Economic Relations; and Hong Man Pyo, Ambassador of our country to the People's Republic of Southern Yemen.

Present from the side of the People's Republic of Southern Yemen were President Qahtan Muhammed Al-Shaabi and Saif Ahmed Dhalai, Minister of Finance; Ahmed Saleh Al-Shair, Minister of Agrarian Reform; Haider Abubaker Al-Atas, Minister of Public Works and Communication; Abdullah Muhammed Bin Salman, Director of H.E. President's Office for External and Internal Affairs; Ga-Afer Gomman Rahnatullah, Deputy Permanent Secretary for Development Affairs and Administration at the Ministry of Finance; Mahmmood Saeed Madhi, Director of Trade and Foreign Relations at the Ministry of Economy, Trade and [illegible] Abubakr Muhammed Awad Al-Tahas, Head of Asian and East European Branch at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The agreement was signed from our side by Yoon Ki Bok, Minister of Finance, authorized by the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and from the side of the People's Republic of Southern Yemen by Saif Ahmed Dhalai, Minister of Finance, authorized by the Government of the People's Republic of Southern Yemen.

Under the agreement, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea will render a series of financial and economic aid gratis to the People's Republic of Southern Yemen.

The agreement will contribute to further strengthening and developing the relations of friendship and cooperation sealed between the peoples of the two countries.

Mass Meet

Qahtan Muhammed Al-Shaabi, President of the People's Republic of Southern Yemen, and his party left Pyongyang on the evening of May 31 and arrived in Wonsan, on June 1 by special train.

A grand Wonsan city mass meeting was held on June 1 at the central square in the city in welcome of Qahtan Muhammed Al-Shaabi, President of the People's Republic of Southern Yemen.

Respectfully placed on the platform were a portrait of Marshal Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the 40 million Korean people, peerless patriot, national hero, ever-victorious iron-willed brilliant commander and outstanding Marxist-Leninist, who has been unswervingly leading the Korean revolution, personally pulling through storm and stress, along the one road of victory, taking upon himself the destiny of the fatherland and the nation for 40 years and more up to this date since he started his revolutionary activities in his early years, and a portrait of President Qahtan Muhammed Al-Shaabi, the outstanding leader of the People's Republic of Southern Yemen and the intimate friend of the Korean people.

Qahtan Muhammed Al-Shaabi, President of the People's Republic of Southern Yemen, together with Choi Yong Kun, President of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly, mounted the platform amid the playing of the welcome music. The attendants of the meeting warmly welcomed the guests.

Ryoo Byung Ryun, Chairman of the Kangwon Provincial People's Committee, made a welcome speech first at the meeting.

Qahtan Muhammed Al-Shaabi, President of the People's Republic of Southern Yemen, took the rostrum next amid the warm welcome of the attendants.

The meeting closed with the playing of the national anthems

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With Premier KIM IL SUNG, President of PRSY Inspects Hwanghai Iron Works

Qahtan Muhammed Al-Shaabi, President of the People's Republic of Southern Yemen, and his party inspected the Hwanghai Iron Works on the morning of June 4.

Marshal Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, accompanied the guests.

Also accompanying the guests were Pak Sung Chul, vice-Premier and Foreign Minister, and Hong Man Pyo, Ambassador of the DPRK to the People's Republic of Southern Yemen.

The guests expressed admiration for the fact that under the wise leadership of Marshal Kim Il Sung, the working class of the Hwanghai Iron Works successfully rehabilitated and built the iron works severely destroyed by the U.S. imperialist aggressors during the past Fatherland Liberation War, in a short span of time after the war on their own strength and with their own technique and materials, displaying the revolutionary spirit of self-reliance.

Looking around the highly mechanized and automized bloom rolling shop, thick plate shop and thin plate shop, the guests expressed admiration for the sagacity of the leadership of Marshal Kim Il Sung, the great Leader, and the great vitality of the line on building an independent national economy put forth by him and for the boundless loyalty of the working class there to the Leader.

Then the guests looked around the chicken farm and vegetable plots where the water spraying system has been introduced, near the iron works. (KCNA)

Premier KIM IL SUNG Receives DRV Ambassador

PYONGYANG, June 4 (KCNA)— Comrade Kim Il Sung received today Le Thiet Hung, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam to our country, at the request of the latter.

Comrade Kim Il Sung heard from Ambassador Le Thiet Hung about the recent situation of Vietnam and congratulated the Vietnamese people upon the great victory they have won in the sacred war of resistance against U.S. imperialism for national salvation, and expressed firm solidarity with the heroic struggle of the Vietnamese people against the U.S. imperialist aggressors, the common enemy, and for the reunification of the country and said that in the future, too, the Korean people would fight shoulder to shoulder with the brotherly Vietnamese people in the anti-U.S. common struggle.

Comrade Kim Il Sung expressed full support to the 10 points clarified in the "principles and main content of the overall solution to the South Vietnam problem to help restore peace in Vietnam" issued some time ago by the South Vietnam National Front for Liberation,

Present on the occasion was Pak Sung Chul, vice-Premier and Foreign Minister.

Premier KIM IL SUNG Receives Rep. Director of Japan-Korea Society

PYONGYANG, June 2 (KCNA)— Premier Kim Il Sung received today Masaharu Hatanaka, Representative Director of the Japan-Korea Association, and his wife now visiting our country.

Present on the occasion was Kim Kwan Sup, Acting Chairman of the Korean Society for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries.

Premier Kim Il Sung had a friendly talk with the guests.

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Speech of Premier KIM IL SUNG

AT BANQUET ARRANGED BY PRESIDENT QAHTAN MUHAMMED AL-SHAABI ON JUNE 4 IN HONOUR OF PREMIER KIM IL SUNG

PYONGYANG, June 4 (KCNA)—Premier Kim Il Sung made a speech at a grand banquet arranged in his honour at the Okryoo Hall this evening by Qahtan Muhammed Al-Shaabi, President of the People's Republic of Southern Yemen, now on a visit to our country.

Follows the full text of the speech:

Your Excellency esteemed President Mr. Qahtan Muhammed Al-Shaabi,

Esteemed guests from the People's Republic of Southern Yemen,

Dear comrades and friends,

The visit of Your Excellency President Mr. Qahtan Muhammed Al-Shaabi, our close friend, and your party to our country is nearing conclusion.

The current visit of Your Excellency Mr. President to our country has been an event of epochal significance in further promoting the mutual understanding and developing anew the relations of friendship and cooperation between the peoples of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the People's Republic of Southern Yemen.

Our people warmly welcomed you with joyful feelings as if meeting our own brothers. This was a manifestation of the firm friendship and solidarity of the Korean people with the people of the People's Republic of Southern Yemen and an expression of the deep feelings of respect and amity of our people for Your Excellency Mr. President.

In the course of meeting our working people and visiting our factories, co-operative farms and educational and cultural institutions, you conveyed the warm feelings of friendship from the people of the People's Republic of Southern Yemen to the Korean people.

You highly appreciated the achievements made by our people in the socialist construction under the leadership of our Party, condemned the manoeuvrings of aggression and war by the U.S. imperialists occupying South Korea and gave active support to our people in their struggle for the independent, peaceful unification of the country.

This was a great encouragement to our people.

For this I express my profound thanks to Your Excellency Mr. President.

At the talks held between us during the time there were expressed the common determination of the peoples of our two countries to fight resolutely against the imperialists headed by U.S. imperialism and their lackeys, and their unanimous desire to pool their strength and help each other in this struggle.

We were deeply moved by your staunch will and revolutionary aspiration to continue to push ahead with the revolution vigorously, valiantly surmounting all kinds of difficulties and trials cropping up in the building of a new country and new society and uncompromisingly fight out U.S. imperialism and its stooges, the Israeli expansionists, the enemy of the Arab people, and the external and internal reactionaries.

We are firmly convinced that the people of the People's Republic of Southern Yemen will definitely win a brilliant victory under the correct leadership of Your Excellency President Mr. Qahtan Muhammed Al-Shaabi, their outstanding leader, in their sacred struggle to firmly defend the sovereignty of the country and complete the democratic national-liberation revolution.

The Korean people actively support the struggle of the peoples of all countries of the world against imperialism and colonialism and regard it as support to their own revolutionary struggle.

We will, in the future too, do all we can to actively support and encourage the struggle waged by the friendly people of the People's Republic of Southern Yemen on the common front against imperialism headed by U.S. imperialism and its lackeys.

Our people express firm solidarity with the righteous struggle of the peoples of various Arab countries to smash the Israeli expansionists, the stooges of U.S. imperialism, to liberate Palestine and to defend the territorial integrity and national sovereignty.

The Korean people resolutely oppose the criminal war of aggression of the U.S. imperialists in Vietnam and always actively support the just anti-U.S. national salvation war of resistance of the heroic Vietnamese people.

We resolutely denounce the deceptive tricks which the U.S. imperialists resort to at the Paris conference on Vietnam to intensify their war of aggression in Vietnam and to justify their occupation of South Vietnam and fully support the 10-point "principles and main contents of the overall solution of the question of South Vietnam to restore peace in Vietnam" announced by the delegation of the South Vietnam National Front for Liberation some time ago.

It is precious to all of us that the peoples should support and co-operate with each other in the struggle against the common enemy.

The current visit of Your Excellency President Mr. Qahtan Muhammed Al-Shaabi to our country has been conducive to strengthening not only the friendship and solidarity between the peoples of our two countries but also the solidarity of the progressive peoples of the world.

Despite the frenzied manoeuvrings of the U.S. imperialists the general situation is developing in favour of the revolutionary side every day.

Holding aloft the revolutionary banner of anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. struggle both of us will continually march forward vigorously to build independent and prosperous new Asia, Africa and Latin America.

Your Excellency Mr. President,

The relations of friendship and co-operation between our two countries will be further expanded and developed in the future in all fields through the struggle to realize the common goal and aspiration.

We hope that you will convey the warm feelings of friendship and militant greetings of the Korean people to the people of the People's Republic of Southern Yemen on your return home.

I am very delighted with the successful conclusion of the visit of Your Excellency Mr. President to our country and propose a toast to the prosperity and development of the People's Republic of Southern Yemen, to the friendship and solidarity between the peoples of Korea and the People's Republic of Southern Yemen, to the health of Your Excellency President Mr. Qahtan Muhammed Al-Shaabi, our close friend, to the health of the guests from the People's Republic of Southern Yemen and to the health of comrades and friends present here.

Speech of President QAHTAN MUHAMMED AL-SHAABI

AT BANQUET ARRANGED ON JUNE 4 IN HONOUR OF PREMIER KIM IL SUNG

PYONGYANG, June 5 (KCNA)—Qahtan Muhammed Al-Shaabi, President of the People's Republic of Southern Yemen, now on a visit to our country, made a speech at a grand banquet arranged by him at the Okryoo Hall last evening in honour of Premier Kim Il Sung.

Follows the full text of his speech:

Your Excellency Premier Kim Il Sung, great friend,

Dear friends,

We are very happy to sit around one table this evening together with Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader, and many Korean comrades in an atmosphere overflowing with the feeling of fraternal friendship, here in Pyongyang, the capital of the great and friendly Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Premier Kim Il Sung, great friend,

Dear friends,

I and my colleagues are proud of expressing, here in this place at a time when our visit to your great and friendly country is drawing to a close, unbounded thanks of ours, the people of the People's Republic of Southern Yemen and the National Front, their political organization, and the revolutionary Government to you and the friendly Korean people for the unprecedented warm hospitality and welcome accorded us wherever we went from the time of our arrival in this friendly country. We were accorded really unprecedentedly warm hospitality and welcome by you and the friendly Korean people wherever we went — everywhere in Pyongyang and Wonsan, at the cooperative farms and factories full of successes, at the museums where the great struggle of the Korean people is recorded, at the Mangyungdai Revolution School, at the places of welcome mass meetings in Pyongyang and Wonsan, at creches and kindergartens, at the revolutionary Young Pioneers' Camp in Wonsan, during an excursion aboard a warship of the great Korean People's Army, in the grand Pyongyang Students and Children's Palace and on the wonderful, revolutionary and socialist art stages in Pyongyang and Wonsan. We also felt close at our hearts the feeling of fraternal friendship in the welcome accorded us by leading cadres of the Party and Government and the masses in all places we visited and on all routes we travelled.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader,

We consider all this warm hospitality and welcome we were accorded in your great and friendly country a warm hospitality accorded your friends making revolution in the People's Republic of Southern Yemen and the entire Arab peoples, your friends, and all the peoples struggling for freedom and progress and for the building of an advanced social system.

Premier Kim Il Sung, great friend,

Dear friends,

Allow me to express thanks once again to Comrade Premier Kim Il Sung for kindly inviting us to visit the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and providing us with an opportunity to acquaint ourselves with this friendly and great country and the living examples of the great socialist successes.

The great Korean people under the leadership of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the outstanding Leader, waged a protracted, fierce liberation struggle against Japanese imperialism and eventually liberated their country from the yoke of Japanese imperialism in 1945 with their strong will and courage. The great Korean people waged a struggle against the aggression of world imperialism headed by the United States for three years and more and smashed the invasion of the colonialists and the imperialists, though they mobilized huge troops and materials, and defended their young Republic, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Today the Korean people put forth a just demand for the withdrawal of the U.S. imperialist troops from the southern half of Korea and are striving to realize the unification of Korea including the territory and people in accordance with the will of the people free from any interference of the U.S. imperialists.

As we saw and realized for ourselves, the Korean people under the leadership of Premier Kim Il Sung, their great Leader and our friend, are today building a new life in an advanced socialist society based on Marxism-Leninism and registering great revolutionary and socialist successes in all domains, carrying out the correct line on rapidly stepping up economic construction and defence upbuilding in parallel, put forth by Comrade Kim Il Sung.

It is not long since the socialist revolution triumphed in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. But the experiences gained by this country which showed us the living examples in economic development prove right the following words of Premier Kim Il Sung, great friend: **"Socialist society has unlimited potentialities to incessantly develop the economy at such a high rate as is inconceivable in capitalist society, and the further socialist construction advances and the stronger the economic basis grows, the greater become these potentialities."**

Having seen the living examples of large-scale industry at the rolling stock factory in Wonsan and an iron works near Pyongyang, we cannot but mention that the economy of this friendly country has really made a leaping advance at an astonishing tempo and that a great leaping advance has been made in laying the foundation of the industry. The living examples of cooperative farms and vast irrigation setups which we saw at the Chungsan Cooperative Farm and in the Taisung Reservoir near Pyongyang show the successes made in the struggle for developing the socialist rural economy in accordance with the Theses authored by Comrade Kim Il Sung on solving the socialist rural question in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea by strengthening the guidance of the working class to the peasantry, the assistance of industry to agriculture, and the assistance of town to country, bringing step by step the management of rural economy closer to the advanced level of management of industrial enterprises, strengthening the relations between the owership by the whole people and cooperative ownership and bringing the cooperative ownership closer to the ownership by the whole people and thereby establishing uniform ownership by the whole people in the end.

Premier Kim Il Sung, great friend,

Dear friends,

During our current visit to your friendly and great country we saw your self-defensive defence capabilities defending the revolution and the fatherland in reliance upon the heroic Korean People's Army and the masses of the people and in the revolutionary spirit of self-reliance and by embodying the ideas of *Juche*. It was thanks to the ideas of *Juche* and the revolutionary spirit of self-reliance that the Korean people have been able to defend the Korean revolution from the machinations of the imperialists and their lackeys, the enemy of the people, and prepare self-defensive defence potentialities. Only by so doing could the Korean People's Army under the leadership of Premier Kim Il Sung and the Workers' Party of Korea shatter valiantly and decisively every manoeuvre and provocative machination of the U.S. imperialists, check the espionage activities of the U.S. imperialists, seize the U.S. imperialist spy ship "Pueblo" on January 23, 1968 and shoot down a large-size spy plane of the United States this year.

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of the DPRK and the PRSY.

Art Performance

A combined music and dance performance was given by artists of the Kangwon Provincial Song and Dance Theatre on the evening of June 1 at the theatre in welcome of Qahtan Muhammed Al-Shaabi, President of the People's Republic of Southern Yemen, who paid a visit to Wonsan city.

When President Choi Yong Kun, and President Qahtan Muhammed Al-Shaabi, appeared in the box the audience welcomed them with enthusiastic applause.

The artists put on the stage works vividly reflecting the Korean people's boundless reverence for and ardent fidelity to Marshal Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, who always leads the Korean revolution to victory.

Inspection

Qahtan Muhammed Al-Shaabi, President of the People's Republic of Southern Yemen, and his party, inspected on the afternoon of June 1 the factory where Kang Si Wook works.

The workers of the factory met with joy the friendship mission of the people of the People's Republic of Southern Yemen who came to the DPRK with the friendly feelings to the Korean people from a faraway country and visited their factory.

Qahtan Muhammed Al-Shaabi, President of the People's Republic of Southern Yemen, and his party inspected on the morning of June 2 the Songdowon Young Pioneers' Camp situated in the scenic spot of the eastern coast.

The guests saw around in turn the "Room for Study of the Revolutionary Activities of Marshal KIM IL SUNG" and "Young Pioneers' Room" and the bed-rooms and dining room in which Marshal Kim Il Sung had dropped in person.

Young Pioneers there showed their combined music and dance performance to President Qahtan Muhammed Al-Shaabi in the club.

After looking around the camp with keen interest President Qahtan Muhammed Al-Shaabi said:

Through our visit to Pyongyang and this place we have seen what deep care Premier Kim Il Sung, our friend, directs to the students and children.

Premier Kim Il Sung, our friend, directs so deep concern to the children and students, because the rearing of children and students is a most important work in bringing up the future generation, the reserves of the revolution.

Qahtan Muhammed Al-Shaabi, President of the People's Republic of Southern Yemen, and his party inspected the Pyongyang Students and Children's Palace on the afternoon of June 3.

After looking around the palace, President Qahtan Muhammed Al-Shaabi said that through his visit to the palace, he saw how excellently the rising generation is being educated in the palace under the leadership of Marshal Kim Il Sung.

President Qahtan Muhammed Al-Shaabi of the People's Republic of Southern Yemen and his party inspected the Hwanghai Iron Works on the morning of June 4, accompanied by Marshal Kim Il Sung.

Banquet

Ryoo Byung Ryun, Chairman of the Kangwon Provincial People's Committee, arranged a banquet at the Wonsan International Hotel on the evening of June 2 in welcome of Qahtan Muhammed Al-Shaabi, President of the People's Republic of Southern Yemen.

Ryoo Byung Ryun, Chairman of the Kangwon Provincial People's Committee, and Qahtan Muhammed Al-Shaabi, President of the People's Republic of Southern Yemen, spoke at the banquet.

The banquet proceeded in a friendly atmosphere from beginning to end.

A grand banquet was arranged for Premier Kim Il Sung on the evening of June 4 at the Okryoo Hall by Qahtan Muhammed Al-Shaabi, President of the People's Republic of Southern Yemen.

Invited to the banquet was Marshal Kim Il Sung, Head of State and Premier of the Cabinet of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

When Premier Kim Il Sung was ushered into the banquet hall by President Qahatn Muhammed Al-Shaabi amid the playing of the welcome music, all the attendants rose to their feet and warmly welcomed them with thunderous applause.

The banquet opened with the playing of the national anthems of the DPRK and the People's Republic of Southern Yemen.

President Qahtan Muhammed Al-Shaabi and Premier Kim Il Sung spoke at the banquet. (See on page 2)

The banquet proceeded in a friendly atmosphere overflowing with cordiality from beginning to end.

Departure

Qahtan Muhammed Al-Shaabi, President of the People's Republic of Southern Yemen, left Pyongyang at 9:30 a.m. on June 6 by special plane after completing his itinerary in Korea.

The guests who were accompanying the President also left with him.

A large number of working people turned up to the airfield carrying pennants, flowers and multi-coloured balloons.

Amid the enthusiastic cheers of the crowds, Premier Kim Il Sung, together with President Qahtan Muhammed Al-Shaabi, appeared at the airfield.

Also seen at the airfield were Choi Yong Kun, President of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly; Kim Il, First vice-Premier; Pak Sung Chul, vice-Premier and Foreign Minister; and Kang Ryang Wook, vice-President of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly and Chairman of the Central Committee of the North Korean Democratic Party; Pak Shin Duk, Member of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly and Chairman of the Central Committee of the Religious Chungwoo Party; Paik Nam Woon, Chairman of the Supreme People's Assembly; Presidium Members of the Central Committee of the Fatherland Front; Ministers of the Cabinet; and other cadres of the Government organs, mass organizations and People's Army and responsible personages of scientific cultural, art and press organs and home and foreign reporters.

Also present at the airfield were diplomatic representatives of foreign countries in Pyongyang.

The national anthems of the DPRK and the People's Republic of Southern Yemen were played and a 21-gun salute was fired.

In company with Premier Kim Il Sung and President Choi Yong Kun, President Qahtan Muhammed Al-Shaabi reviewed the guard of honour of the ground, air and naval forces.

Then Premier Kim Il Sung and President Qahtan Muhammed Al-Shaabi made speeches.

Premier Kim Il Sung exchanged warm handshakes with President Qahtan Muhammed Al-Shaabi and warmly hugged him.

The President and his party bid farewell to the leading cadres of the Goverament of the DPRK.

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DPRK Grants Gratis Aid Materials to Syria

PYONGYANG, May 26 (KCNA)—A grand ceremony for conveying aid materials which the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea gave gratis to the Syrian Arab Republic proceeding from the desire to help the Syrian people in the struggle against the U.S. imperialists and the Israeli aggressors was recently held in Latakia, a port city of Syria, according to a report from Damascus.

Brigadier General Nourutin Kanju, Commander of the Latakia Military Region, Syria, and Chang Ga Ik, Charge d'Affaires Ad Interim of the DPRK Embassy in Syria, spoke at the ceremony.

In his speech, the Brigadier General expressed heartfelt thanks to Premier Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader of the Korean people, and to the entire Korean people for sending precious aid materials which will be greatly helpful to the Syrian people in the struggle against the U.S. imperialists and their lackeys, Israeli expansionists.

Expressing the firm conviction that the Syrian people would certainly win in the sacred struggle against the U.S. imperialists and the Israeli expansionists, the Brigadier General emphasized: This is because the struggle of the Syrian people against the U.S. imperialists and Zionists is a just cause and firmly relies on the support of the fraternal Korean people and the peoples of other socialist countries and the progressive forces.

In conclusion he sincerely wished good health and a long life to Premier Kim Il Sung, the great Leader.

Chang Ga Ik, Charge d'Affaires Ad Interim of the DPRK Embassy in Damascus, spoke next.

The aid materials sent by Premier Kim Il Sung are an expression of the ardent desire of the Korean people to support and cooperate with each other in the anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. struggle and an expression of the close friendship of the Korean people with the Syrian people, the Charge d'Affaires Ad Interim stressed.

After the ceremony for conveying the aid materials, Brigadier General Nourutin Kanju, Commander of the Latakia Military Region, arranged a banquet in the evening that day.

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Your Excellency Premier Kim Il Sung, our friend,

Dear friends,

On this occasion of our visit to your great country, we could witness the rapid prosperity and development made in upbringing and education of youth, children and students and in all other spheres.

You are educating the students and children from their early years to be matured in a revolutionary national art, in the revolutionary ideas of liquidating exploitation of man by man, eradicating egoism and doing away with the old social relations of the tyrannical era which still remain in many parts of the world to our regret and establishing socialist social relations. No one can turn back the wheel of the development of history in which exploitation is liquidated and the working masses become the master of their destiny.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, great friend,

Dear friends,

We congratulate you on your revolution of vanguard. We congratulate you on your beating down of your enemies—the colonialists, feudalists, capitalists, exploiters, imperialists and their stooges. We heartily congratulate the friendly and great Korean people on the successes they have registered in all domains of socialist revolution and construction and on the happiness they are enjoying. We also sincerely hope that you will attain all the goals of the revolution and firmly unite with the world revolutionary forces.

Your socialist revolution is undoubtedly the genuine force of the socialist camp and the liberated peoples opposed to imperialism and colonialism, who are supporting and encouraging the peoples struggling for a new life and progress and struggling still for freedom and progress.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, great friend,

Dear friends,

We, briefly retrospecting what we have felt during our visit to your friendly and great country, firmly renew the determination to develop the friendly relations between the great people of the People's Republic of Southern Yemen and the great Korean people.

We assure you that the people of the People's Republic of Southern Yemen, who have completed the stage of democratic, national liberation and are effecting today the socialist changes put forth by the National Front, our vanguard organization, will stand firm against all challenges of the enemy.

Today the People's Republic of Southern Yemen is in the stage of defending the revolution and its gains and the liberated progressive system, maintaining political and military emancipation, getting rid of economic subjugation and carrying out economic construction, realizing the interests of the working masses, the genuine master of the revolution, and developing the productive forces.

The National Front clarified in the National Programme published in 1965 that it would strive to build an independent, unified, liberated society through the democratic national revolution and furthermore, to go over to scientific socialism.

As our country is located at an important point, strategically and geographically and the National Front laid down organizationally and legally the programme with progressive aspirations, the imperialist forces and reactionaries surrounding our Republic are further stepping up the plots and offensives against all the achievements made by our revolution. Especially, U.S. imperialism and British imperialism, oil monopolies in the Arabia Peninsula and the reactionary systems of Saudi Arabia and Iran are hostile to the progressive aspirations and revolutionary measures of the People's Republic of Southern Yemen.

All these enemies are making desperate efforts to overthrow our revolutionary system, incessantly supplying funds to the counter-revolution and arming it.

Since the overthrow of the 129-year-long British colonialist rule through the four-year arduous armed struggle, our people have been waging a repeated struggle and winning decisive victories one after another in face of the enemies.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, dear friend,

Dear friends,

In the last several days when we are visiting your great country, the counter-revolutionary elements equipped with the weapons of imperialism and supplied with funds by the imperialists and reactionaries infiltrated from reactionary neighbouring areas in an attempt to strangulate the revolution of our people.

But our army and people's armed forces and social security armed forces crushed their infiltration with high vigilance and repulsed them to reactionary countries bordering on our Republic.

The enemies attempted to deliver a blow at the revolution of our people by taking advantage of my and my colleagues' being away on a visit to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

But, we assure you that we can decisively smash any aggression of the enemies of the people by our armed forces.

Our people will, in the future, too, develop their country and build a new life and economy free from all subjugation and contribute, together with the freedom-loving peoples of the world, to the struggle for wiping out world imperialism, colonialism, reaction, feudalism, capitalism and exploitation of man by man, holding aloft as ever the slogans "uninterrupted revolution" and "construction in one hand, defence in the other."

Your Excellency Premier Kim Il Sung, dear friend,

Dear friends,

I once again stress that the Arab peoples fighting against world imperialism headed by the United States and its stooge Israel in our Arab fatherland will win victory in their just cause.

World imperialism and Israel, its bridgehead, will be smashed in our Arab land, Palestine which has been deprived of by the Zionist clique for 21 years will return to the Arab people of Palestine, and the Arab land be completely liberated and the socialist Arab unity be realized.

Your Excellency Premier Kim Il Sung, dear friend,

Dear friends,

Please be assured that the people of the People's Republic of Southern Yemen will always stand on the side of the friendly Korean people in the common struggle against world imperialism headed by the United States, support the just demand of the Korean people for achieving the unification of the territory and people of North and South Korea after driving the U.S. imperialist troops out of South Korea and will march forward along the road of victory and progress hand in hand with the Korean people.

Allow me to take this opportunity to express thanks of myself and the people and Government of the People's Republic of Southern Yemen and the National Front to you for the support and encouragement extended to us which our people will always remember.

Premier Kim Il Sung, great friend,

Dear friends,

It is the questions to be underscored always that we stand on the side of the heroic Vietnamese people and the South Vietnam National Front for Liberation struggling for liberating South Vietnam from the occupation of the U.S. imperialist troops, wage a stubborn and resolute struggle against all the attempts of imperialism, colonialism and reaction to deal a blow at the socialist system and people's democratic forces, consistently struggle against racism in Rhodesia, South Africa and the United States and always stand on the side of socialism and the peace-loving peoples.

Premier Kim Il Sung, great friend,

Dear friends,

In conclusion, I propose to stand up and drink a toast to the prosperity and development of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the friendship and solidarity between the people of the People's Republic of Southern Yemen and the people of the friendly Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the friendship between the Arab peoples and the friendly Korean people and to the health and welfare of Premier Kim Il Sung, our great friend, and to the health and happiness of all the dear Korean friends.

Railway Transport of Chullima Korea Rapidly Developing Under Wise Leadership of Marshal KIM IL SUNG

Today, railway transport of Chullima Korea rapidly developing under the wise leadership of Marshal Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader of the 40 million Korean people.

With the construction of a great length of new railway lines, colonial lopsidedness has been completely done away with in the distribution of the railways, and thousands of *ri* of railway lines have already been electrified and the railway transport has developed into a powerful, advanced socialist railway transport with its own reliable base of rolling stock industry producing modern electric locomotives and various kinds of vehicles and accessory parts in large numbers.

Now the railway transports in 20 days as much freight as were transported in a whole year right after the Liberation.

These proud achievements are entirely attributable to the wise leadership of Marshal Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, he has always clearly indicated the direction and ways for the railway transport and showed great care and solicitude for the development of the work in this field.

The situation of the railways right after the Liberation, like all other domains of the national economy, was so deplorable that it defied description. Even the deformed railways of a certain length were destroyed by the Japanese imperialists when they were fleeing.

Marshal Kim Il Sung who returned home triumphantly after winning victory in the anti-Japanese armed struggle visited first the workers of Kangsun at such time and then called on the workers of the West Pyongyang Railway Factory (now the Pyongyang Electric Locomotive Factory) in January 1946 for reviving the artery of the country.

Saying that the working class, the master of the country, should construct the liberated country, he instructed the workers that they should, first of all, repair and produce faster passenger couches and freight wagons and run the railways well, if the food and clothing problems were to be solved.

Holding aloft the instructions of the Leader, the railway workers displayed the revolutionary spirit of self-reliance everywhere. Already in 1949, the railway freight turnover grew five times as against 1946.

Marshal Kim Il Sung, the great Leader, very busy as he was with the state affairs, got into the engine room of a locomotive running between Koin and Koohyun, a remote mountain area of Jagang Province, on July 20, 1949, and planned railway electrification and he reared technical personnel for electrified railways in the rigorous days when he was leading the Korean people to a victory in the fierce Fatherland Liberation War.

After the war Marshal Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, alloted a huge amount of state investment to successfully rehabilitate the railway transport severely destroyed in the war.

The Leader personally attended a meeting of model transport workers on May 11, 1954, when the war wounds still remained unhealed and made a speech **"On the Immediate Tasks of the Transport Workers,"** in which he put forth concrete tasks for the workers in this domain in the period of postwar rehabilitation and construction and in the period of socialist construction and taught them in detail the ways for their fulfilment.

The transport workers of the northern half of the Republic who displayed mass heroism for successfully ensuring wartime transport during the Fatherland Liberation War plunged themselves into the postwar railway rehabilitation and construction in the same spirit with which they routed the U.S. imperialist aggressors, holding high the instructions of the Leader.

Thus, new railway lines were

marked on the Korean map.

The Five-Year Plan period witnessed the building or double-tracking of Haijoo-Hasung line, Pyungsan-Jihari line, Soosung-Komoosan line and the electrification of railway lines extending more than 100 km.

Marshal Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, visited in person the construction site of Haijoo-Hasung broad gauge line in June, 1958.

He acquainted himself with the life of constructors down to details and showed fatherly love for them.

Deeply moved by the infinite love shown by the fatherly Leader for the railway constructors, the workers there wrought the miracle of finishing this project in a matter of 75 days. It would take four or five years under the Japanese imperialist rule.

With the construction and electrification of railway lines, the freight turnover has markedly increased. In 1960 the total freight turnover of railways more than doubled that of 1956.

Railway electrification has been carried out in an allround way in the northern half of the DPRK from the period of the Seven-Year Plan.

Marshal Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the 40 million Korean people taught us:

"Electrification of railways is of definite advantage in improving their economic efficiency and cultural operation....

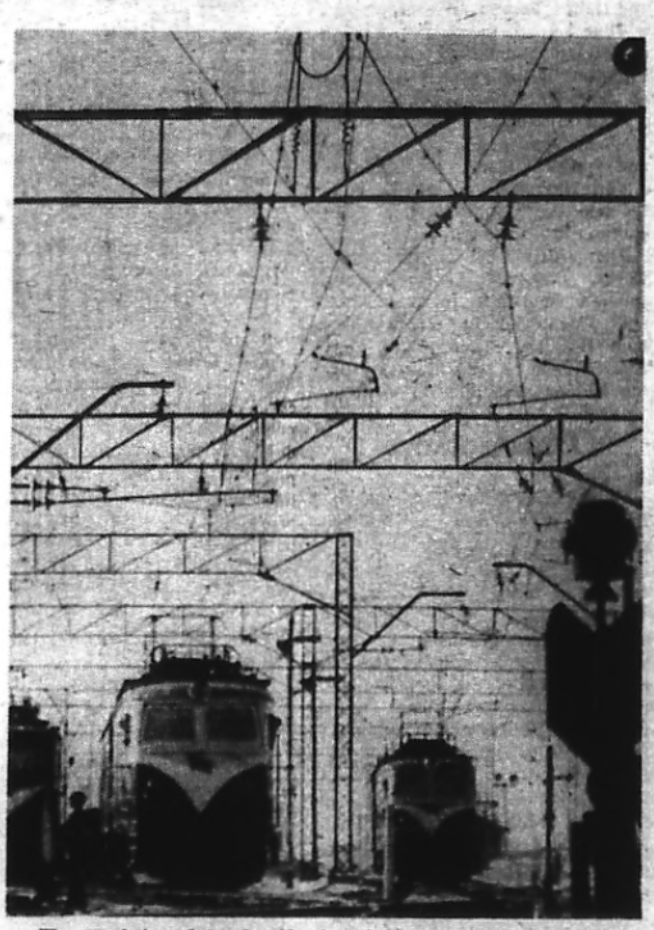
The Pyongyang-Chongjin, Pyongyang-Sinuiju, Pyongyang-Kaesong, and Huichun-Koin lines should be switched over to electric traction during the Seven-Year Plan period so that the electrification of the trunk lines may in the main be completed."

Upholding the instructions of the Leader the railway builders finished the electrification of Pyongyang-Sinuiju line extending hundreds of *ri* in half a year and more and thus performed the miracle of creating anew the "railway electrification speed" surpassing the "vinalon speed" and "Pyongyang speed" in Chullima Korea.

The trunk line between Pyongyang and Chongjin extending along the eastern coast was electrified stage by stage, with the result that railway electrification in this section was completed in the main. Running on this line are electric locomotives "Boolgeungi" (red flag) manufactured by the Pyongyang Electric Locomotive Factory.

Korea has many bases of transport machine building industry and large numbers of highly educated engineers and assistant engineers are working in the domain of railway transport. To cite an instance, the locomotive corps where Kim Yoon Song works has a technical group of over 150 engineers and assistant engineers and specialists.

The Red transport workers of the northern half of the Republic are raising ever higher the flames of increased transport in the spirit of running their locomotives over the brigandish U.S. imperialists who are intensifying these days the frantic machination to ignite a new war after infiltrating their spy plane deep into the territorial air of the DPRK to commit the hostile act of espionage.



The completion of the electrification of the trunk-lines has greatly increased the railway transport and transit volumes of the northern half of the DPRK in a short period.

The working class of the shipyard where Choi Joo Sik works recently launched one more 3,500-ton class large-size refrigerator-transport ship "Daibosan" with up-to-date equipment in the grand atmosphere in which the whole country in seething continuously with the grand revolutionary upsurge upholding the teachings of Marshal Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader of the 40 million Korean people.

The working class of the shipyard powerfully demonstrated once again the inexhaustible might and wisdom of the working class of Chullima Korea which is making uninterrupted innovation and continuous advance along the one road of victory indicated by the great Leader by building again a 3,500-ton class large-size refrigerator-transport ship after they built last year a 3,500-ton class refrigerator-transport ship, large-size dredger and many other ships upholding the instructions of the Leader on building many big-size ships for increasing the economic might and defence potentials of the country and radically improving the people's living.

Expanding Land and Sea Transport

Today, land and sea transport of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea has come to satisfactorily meet the daily growing demands for transport in the struggle for pushing through the line of the Workers' Party of Korea on carrying on economic construction and defence upbuilding in parallel.

The auto transport workers carry in matter of only two days as much freightage as was transported in the whole year of 1946. In this period the shipping port has grown 16.4 times.

The workers in the modern auto-building bases are manufacturing with their own efforts and technique various types of lorries, buses, cars and trolley buses and ship-builders on the eastern and western coasts are building large cargo boats, dredgers and other ships, big and small.

Roads have been reconstructed and expanded on a large scale and river and water cannel projects have been pushed ahead and modern ports and harbours on the eastern and western coasts have been reinforced with the result that the scale of auto and sea transport has expanded incomparably.

Today the workers in land and sea transport are steadily expanding successes in transport, waging a vigorous struggle for thoroughly implementing the teachings given by Marshal Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, at the Enlarged Meeting of the 18th Plenum of the Fourth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea.

We Denounce Jap. Gov't-Sponsored Fascist "Immigration Control Bill"

EDITORIAL

The Japanese Government, in defiance of the strong protests and denunciation of the 600,000 Korean citizens here and the peoples of Korea and Japan, is trying to pass by all means the so-called "Immigration and Emigration Control Bill" through the current Diet, and on May 15 last, it referred the "bill" to the Legal Affairs Committee of the Lower House. Moreover, on May 27 last, the Government of Japan committed a grave criminal act of perpetrating the "deliberation" after "describing its proposition" by resorting to a blitzkrieg way.

As already revealed before the world, the "Immigration and Emigration Control Law" the Japanese Government is trying to formulate, is a fascist law designed to "legalize" the persecution and suppression of Korean citizens here and trample underfoot more barbarously all their democratic, national rights.

Besides, the Japanese Government already submitted to the Diet the so-called "Bill for Partial Amendment to the School Education Law" in order to cook up the "Foreigners' School Law" intended to suppress the democratic national education of Korean citizens here.

Having failed thrice to railroad the "Foreigners' School Law" through the Diet in face of the stubborn struggle of Koreans here and strong protests of the peoples of Korea and Japan and the progressive peoples of the world, the Japanese Government is planning to lay a "legal foundation" for enacting this evil law at any time by bringing this "bill" before the Diet not as a separate bill but by including it in the "Bill for Partial Amendment to the School Education Law."

The Foreign Ministry of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea issued on May 29 last a statement scathingly denouncing the suppression manoeuvres against the Koreans here by the Japanese Government.

The 600,000 Korean citizens here ardently support the statement of the Foreign Ministry of the DPRK.

The reckless machinations of the Japanese Government authorities to forcibly enact in a package the "Bill for Partial Amendment to the School Education Law" even by extending for a long period the current session of the Diet, disregarding the strong demand of the peoples of Korea and Japan and the protest of the peoples of the world, shows fully the criminal nature of the design of the Japanese Government frantically trying to intensify their suppression and persecution of Korean citizens in Japan.

The entire Korean people here resolutely oppose and reject the criminal machinations of the Japanese Government to further strengthen its suppression of Korean citizens here by cooking up the fascist evil laws, resorting to vicious tactics and employing forcible means, and scathingly denounce its acts in the name of justice and humanitarianism.

These evil laws are inspired with fascist designs to deprive Koreans of their rights and force a slavish life on Korean citizens here who account for 90 per cent of the foreigners residing here and their future generations, and with a heinous political intrigue to suppress the unification of the fatherland and all the patriotic activities of the Koreans here.

It is the plan the Japanese Government is consistently pursuing to step up its suppression and persecution of Korean citizens here under the wirepullings of the U.S. imperialists and in collusion with the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique, to perpetrate its hostile policy toward the DPRK, destroy the organization of CHONGRYUN (the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan), stamp out the democratic, national rights of Koreans here, outlaw Korean schools here and forcibly deport Koreans to South Korea.

The heinous machinations of the Japanese Government to cook up the "Immigration and Emigration Control Law" and the "Foreigners' School Law" are an open expression of the policy of national discrimination and suppression, the policy of "legalizing" the persecution and suppression of Koreans here and of fully trampling underfoot more viciously all their democratic, national rights, and are part of its heinous attempt to actively take part in new provocation manoeuvres by the U.S. imperialists.

But the Japanese militarists must not forget the historical lesson of the past so that they may not take a reckless action.

Today, the 600,000 Korean citizens here are not homeless people but the proud overseas citizens of the DPRK, their daily prospering and developing fatherland. They are the citizens of a mighty, dignified, independent and sovereign state which no one dare infringe upon.

Marshal Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader of the 40 million Korean people, said as follows:

"No suppression and persecution whatsoever by the Japanese authorities can ever check the just struggle of the Korean citizens in Japan for their democratic national rights and for the unification of the fatherland. The persecution and suppression being intensified every day by the Japanese authorities against the Korean citizens in Japan will only arouse still greater national indignation on the part of the entire Korean people, and this unjust act will be checked after all."

The CHONGRYUN workers and Koreans here will firmly consolidate the organization of CHONGRYUN, oppose the "Immigration and Emigration Control Bill" and the "Foreigners' School Bill" and more stubbornly struggle to protect to the end their legitimate rights as overseas citizens of an independent and sovereign state, the DPRK, such as their DPRK citizenship and their right to national education by actively carrying out the decision of the 5th Session of the 8th Central Committee of CHONGRYUN, upholding the teachings of Marshal Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader.

The Japanese Government is under legal and moral obligation to protect the Korean citizens here, proud overseas citizens of the DPRK, as foreigners and ensure all their democratic, national rights, in view of the crimes committed by Japanese imperialism against the Korean people in the past and in the light of international law and international practices.

We strongly demand the Japanese Government stop at once the farce of fabricating the "Immigration and Emigration Control Law" and the "Foreigners' School Law," put an end to all sorts of manoeuvres to suppress Korean citizens in Japan and unconditionally and fully ensure for them all the democratic, national rights.

5th Session of 8th CHONGRYUN Central Committee Held

The 5th Session of the 8th Central Committee of CHONGRYUN (the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan) was held in Tokyo from May 27 to 28, amid the surging atmosphere where in keeping with the vigorous revolutionary advance of the people in the homeland, the entire CHONGRYUN workers and Korean citizens here are waging vigorous struggles in order to oppose the frantic new war provocation manoeuvres of U.S. imperialism and to carry out the CHONGRYUN work, upholding the historic report made by Marshal Kim Il Sung, the great Leader, at the Celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Founding of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the teachings given by him in the New Year telegram of greetings.

Respecfully hung on the platform of the meeting against the background of a national flag of the DPRK was a portrait of Marshal Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the 40 million Korean people, who has always led the Korean people to victory and glory, happiness and prosperity and who has extended all sorts of paternal solicitude to Koreans here.

Present at the meeting were Chairman Han Duk Su, vice-Chairmen and members, of the Central Standing Committee of CHONGRYUN.

Also present at the meeting were members of the C.C. of CHONGRYUN and the members of the Auditing Committee of CHONGRYUN.

At the meeting Chairman Han Duk Su made a report under the title "On Opposing the New War Provocation Manoeuvres of U.S. Imperialism in Korea and Strengthening the Anti-U.S., National Salvation Struggle and the Struggle to Defend the Democratic National Rights of Korean Citizens in Japan."

On the present situation the Chairman said that the situation is all the closer to the brink of war due to the new war provocation racket of U.S. imperialism and its stooges and that at the same time the persecution and suppressive manoeuvres of the Japanese militarists against Koreans here have been further strengthened.

Referring to the purpose of the meeting the Chairman said that the current Central Committee meeting held in such a tense situation was to discuss and decide the policies of CHONGRYUN which would enable its workers and Koreans here to add lustre to their honour as inheritors of the glorious revolutionary traditions of the Workers' Party of Korea and resolutely oppose the new war provocation shindy of U.S. imperialism and wage stubborn struggles for anti-U.S., national salvation and defence of their democratic national rights, upholding the teachings of the New Year telegram of greetings.

Summing up the results of the CHONGRYUN work during the period after the 4th Session of its 8th Central Committee, Chairman Han Duk Su said that during this period CHONGRYUN workers and Koreans here, first of all, have armed themselves thoroughly with the revolutionary ideas of Marshal Kim Il Sung and established the unitary ideological system of the Workers' Party of Korea and have built up the CHONGRYUN organization more powerfully, strengthening the political and ideological work.

The Chairman also said that during this period under review CHONGRYUN has waged resolute struggles to accelerate the unification of the fatherland, the supreme national task of the Korean people and to smash the scheme of the Japanese Government to frame up the "Immigration and Emigration Control Law" and has firmly defended the democratic national rights of Koreans here.

He said that though CHONGRYUN gained new successes during this period it could not be content with them. He said that they should ardently support the Apr. 23 statement of the DPRK Government in which it resolutely denounced U.S. imperialism for its new war provocation manoeuvres and expressed the resolve with which Korean people would repulse to the end any acts of infringing upon their sovereignty even if they die, and should defend the sovereignty of the country against the aggression and new war provocation manoeuvres of U.S. imperialism and should wage more energetically anti-U.S. national salvation struggle in order to promote the unification of the fatherland.

The Chairman went on to say that CHONGRYUN workers and Koreans here should oppose the national persecution and political repression which the ruling classes of the U.S. and Japan have intensified with a view to launching aggression against Korea and Asia, defend the democratic national rights of Koreans here and gain the legitimate rights as overseas citizens of the independent state and firmly defend their rights.

Saying that in order to positively cope with the obtaining situation CHONGRYUN workers and Koreans here should firmly build up the CHONGRYUN organization politically, ideologically and organizationally so as to add the lustre to their honour as the inheritors of the glorious revolutionary traditions of the WPK, Chairman Han Duk Su stressed that for that purpose they should arm themselves with the guiding ideas of CHONGRYUN, the great revolutionary ideas of Marshal Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader of the 40 million Korean people, and firmly establish the unitary ideological system of the WPK.

At the meeting a number of members of the C.C. of CHONGRYUN made speeches on the basis of the report made by the Chairman. Chairman Han Duk Su made a conclusion on the debates.

The meeting adopted a message addressed to Marshal Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader of the 40 million Korean people and the sun of the nation, amid the enthusiastic applause of all the people present at the meeting.

The meeting also adopted a petition addressed to the Japanese Government.

KCNA Report on Sending Back Home South Korean Fishermen

PYONGYANG, May 28 (KCNA)—The Korean Central News Agency, authorized by the organ concerned, reports as follows on sending back to the native places the fishermen of the southern half who came to the area of the northern half of the Republic:

Fishermen of the southern half came some time ago to the area of the northern half of the Republic daily prospering and developing under the wise leadership of Marshal Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the 40 million Korean people.

The fishermen who had undergone unbearable sufferings, going in rags and hungry due to the colonial rule and plunder policy of the U.S. imperialists, the sworn enemy of our people, spent happy days in the bosom of the prospering socialist fatherland under the unfathomably deep love and parental solicitude of the Leader.

Taking pity on the South Korean people groaning under the harsh fascist terror rule of the U.S. imperialists and their stooges Pak Jung Hi puppet clique, the Government of the Republic and the people of the northern half received the fishermen of the southern half with warm compatriotic love and took good care of them with kindred love so that they may feel no inconvenience in their life.

They were amply supplied with clothes, shoes and other daily necessaries, and all the patients and sickly men regained their health by receiving in time efficacious medical treatment at hospital.

During their stay, the fishermen of the southern half looked around with deep impression factories, enterprises, cooperative farms and educational, cultural and public health establishments in various areas which are raising high the flames of the great revolutionary upsurge for the capture of the high eminence of the Seven-Year Plan, holding aloft the report delivered by Marshal Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, at the historic Party Conference, the great 10-point Political Programme announced by him and his report at the celebration of the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Republic, and acquainted themselves well with the great successes our people, rallied rock-firm around the Leader, have made in the past 20 odd years.

Contrasting the wonderful reality of the prospering and developing northern half of the Republic with the wretched plight of the South Korean society which has turned into a living hell under the sway of starvation, privation, terror and murder due to the most reactionary, colonial, military fascist rule of the U.S. imperialists, they expressed admiration for the fact that the most advanced socialist system free from exploitation and oppression, for which our people had long aspired and the anti-Japanese revolutionary fighters fought, shedding blood, was established in the northern half of the Republic under the outstanding leadership of Marshal Kim Il Sung, the respected and

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CHONGRYUN Flays "ASPAC" Meet in Japan as War Farce

On behalf of the Central Standing Committee of CHONGRYUN (the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan) Yoon Sang Chul, Chief of the Foreign Affairs Section issued on June 6 the following statement in connection with the 4th General Meeting of "the Ministerial Conference of the Asian and Pacific Council," an aggressive conference to be held on June 9.

Under the wirepulling of the U.S. imperialists, the 4th General Meeting of the so-called "Ministerial Conference of the Asian and Pacific Council" is scheduled to be held for three days from June 9 in Ito, Shizuoka Prefecture, Japan.

They say that nine puppets and satellite countries of the U.S. imperialists such as the South Korean Pak Jung Hi puppet clique, the Japanese militarists, the South Vietnamese stooges and the Chiang Kai-shek henchmen, will take part in the meeting.

It is a fact well known to the world that "the Ministerial Conference of the Asian and Pacific Council" is a direct product of the U.S. imperialist policy of aggression and war against Asia and is an aggressive "anti-communist military alliance" designed to oppose the socialist countries and national liberation movements in Asia.

We can clearly see this in the fact that the aggressive apparatus was cooked up in 1966 by the Pak Jung Hi clique on direct orders of U.S. imperialism and that the preponderant majority of member countries are participating in the U.S. imperialist aggressive war in Vietnam.

With the object of reorganizing and strengthening their aggressive system confronted with total destruction in every part of Asia including Korea and Vietnam, the U.S. imperialists have long since schemed to spawn up another aggressive military alliance, knocking together their Asian puppets and satellite countries.

Since the "Pueblo" incident early last year and the incident of the large-size reconnaissance plane which violated the territorial air of the DPRK in April of this year, while further strengthening new war provocations in Korea, the U.S. imperialists have made vicious efforts to enlist their Asian followers including the Japanese militarists in them.

In particular, the U.S. imperialists are running hog-wild to further step up the military tie-up under the signboard of socalled "joint defence," availing themselves of the 4th General Meeting of the "Ministerial Conference of the Asian and Pacific Council" to be held this time.

Prior to the current "Ministerial Conference," the U.S. imperialists repeatedly held war talks with their puppets and satellite countries.

Of late, they held "the Council of the SEATO," "the Conference of Foreign Ministers of Countries Participating in the Vietnam War," "the Pak Jung Hi-Nguyen Van Thieu Clique Talks" and "the Second ROK-U.S. Defence Ministers Conference," and on this basis are employing "the Ministerial Conference" as a platform for cooking up a military bloc more effective in unleashing their aggressive war.

While kicking up the "anti-communist"dust on a large scale in South Korea and strengthening fascist suppression of South Korean people fighting for the right to existence and independent unification of the fatherland, the U.S. imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi clique have continuously carried out the heinous machinations to make the "Ministerial Conference of the Asian and Pacific Council" a military alliance.

Furthermore, the U.S. imperialists are stubbornly machinating to make the Japanese militarists a main force of a new military alliance and to put them up as a "shock brigade" for aggression on Asia.

Clamouring many times that "Japan must play an active role in safeguarding the security of Asia," warmaniac Nixon is dragooning the Japanese militarists into a plot of aggression on Asia.

The Japanese militarists, taking an active part in the U.S. imperialist policy of aggression and war, are spinning a pipe-dream with a view to realizing their old dream as the master of a "Greater East Asia Co-prosperity Sphere."

The Japanese militarists are embarking upon the road to reinvasion of South Korea on a full scale, with this as a springboard, stretching their aggressive tentacles to the whole of Southeast Asia and being more undisguised in carrying out the hostile policy toward the DPRK.

In addition to this, the Japanese militarists not only are providing the U.S. imperialists with the military bases in Japan proper and Okinawa as a springboard for the manoeuvres to launch another aggressive war in Korea, but also have worked out a series of operational plans in which the DPRK is regarded as "an imaginary enemy" and are entering the stage of putting them into practice.

It is by no means fortuitous that Japan is the sponsor of the current "Ministerial Conference" and is hellbent on making it a more aggressive military bloc.

It has been widely laid bare that outwardly clamouring about "economic cooperation" in an effort to cover up the true aggressive nature of the "Ministerial Conference and scheming to knock together more countries of Asia into it; in effect Japanese militarism is taking an active part in the policy of the U.S. imperialists and intent on cooking up an "Asian Anti-Communist Military Alliance" through the "Ministerial Conference."

All the facts explicitly show how the U.S. imperialists are today making desperate efforts to cook up a new military provocation for the purpose of further stepping up the policy of aggression and war against Korea, Vietnam and various countries of Asia.

The criminal machinations on the part of the U.S. imperialists and their stooges will never be able to escape the stern condemnation of the peace-loving peoples of Asia and the whole world.

With whatever machinations, the U.S. imperialists can by no means escape its decline.

The U.S. imperialists must disband all the aggressive military blocs in Asia and immediately withdraw from all the areas of Asia.

We strongly demand that the 4th General Meeting of "the Ministerial Conference of the Asian and Pacific Council," the farce of aggression and war, be discontinued at once.

The Korean people united rockfirm around Marshal Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the 40 million Korean people will force the U.S. imperialists to withdraw from South Korea and accomplish the cause of independent unification of the fatherland.

DPRK Foreign Office Spokesman Blasts U.S. Bombing of DRV

PYONGYANG, May 29 (KCNA) — A spokesman of the Foreign Ministry of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in a statement issued yesterday pungently denounced, in the name of the Government of the Republic and the Korean people, the U.S. imperialists' continued barbarous bombing and shelling of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam as a grave aggressive act wantonly infringing upon the sovereignty and security of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam and a challenge to the peace-loving peoples of Asia and the world.

The statement recalled that the U.S. imperialists, persistently trying to expand the war of aggression against the Vietnamese people, ceaselessly bombed the Democratic Republic of Vietnam even after they announced that they would cease unconditionally the bombing and shelling of the territory of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam and, particularly for four days from May 16 to 19, they bombed many villages of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam in succession.

The statement noted that the U.S. imperialists' continued bombing and shelling of the territory of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam and further intensification of acts of war in South Vietnam patently show that the scoundrels have not yet given up their aggressive ambition against Vietnam but are trying to expand the war of aggression against Vietnam.

Saying that the wilder the U.S. imperialists run in the war, the earlier their doomsday will come, the statement pointed out:

The U.S. imperialists must put a definitive end to all aggressive acts infringing upon the sovereignty and security of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam and get out of South Vietnam unconditionally, taking all their aggressor troops and troops of their satellite countries and puppets.

Declaring that the Vietnam problem must be settled by the Vietnamese people themselves in accordance with the four-point stand of the Government of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam and the political programme of the South Vietnam National Front for Liberation, the statement emphasized:

The Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Korean people fully support the "principles and main content of the overall solution to the South Vietnam problem to help restore peace in Vietnam" put forward by the South Vietnam National Front for Liberation.

If the U.S. imperialists persist in their criminal war of aggression against the Vietnamese people, ignoring the resolute denunciation of the entire peace-loving people of the world, they will sustain a heavier defeat.

"We Refuse to Fight in Korea": American Soldier Says

"I say we refuse to fight in Korea," declared an American soldier, indicating that the movement to refuse to fight against the Korean people is spreading among the rank and file of the U.S. imperialist aggressor troops, thereby dealing big blows to the aggressive design of the U.S. imperialists to provoke a new war in Korea.

The American soldier is PFC John W. Lewis, U.S. 51 948 130 SPD, Ft. Dix. New Jersey.

He made this refusal in a letter to the "Bond," a newspaper of the American Servicemen's Union which is headquartered in New York, USA.

His letter appeared on Page 3, the "Bond," May 20.

Under the title "Should We Fight in Korea?" the letter reads:

We GIs have to stop and figure out what is really going on in Korea because we may be ordered to go there.

It is important for us to remember at least two things; (1) we must remember how we are treated and lied to every day by the Brass and by our government, and (2) we must remember that the Korean people, just like the Vietnamese people, have done nothing to the American people, instead our government acting in our name is the aggressor in Korea, just as it is in Vietnam.

I say we refuse to fight in Korea, and in Vietnam. I say we refuse to fight anywhere in the world for the big moneymen.

Brother, what do you say?

Your brother in struggle.

Mr. Andy Stapp, Chairman of the ASU said in his letter to the People's Korea that the American Sericemen's Union wants the U.S. government to withdraw all of its troops from Korea and made clear that not all the U.S. soldiers support U.S. imperialism and its South Korean puppets.

May 20 issue of the "Bond," newspaper of the American Servicemen's Union which carried a letter from U.S. PFC John W. Lewis who refused to fight in Korea

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beloved Leader, and thus all people enjoy a new happy life, receiving education and medical treatment free of charge and feeling no worry about living, the solid foundation of an independent national economy capable of turning out everything with our own strength, technique and resources has been firmly established, and science and technology, education and socialist national culture based on *Juche* are steadily developing and brilliantly efflorescing.

The fishermen of the southern half could clearly realize that the conversion of our country into an independent socialist state with the advanced socialist system, solid foundation of the independent national economy, powerful all-people defence system and brilliant national culture is attributable to the outstanding leadership of Marshal Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, and is a brilliant fruition of his great ideas of *Juche*.

Above all, they clearly realized that only when the South Korean people thoroughly arm themselves with the great revolutionary ideas of Marshal Kim Il Sung and courageously fight against U.S. imperialism and its stooges along the highway of the South Korean revolution and national unification indicated by him can they accomplish the cause of national unification and enjoy freedom and happiness in the warm bosom of the great fatherly Leader like the people in the northern half of the Republic.

The fishermen of the southern half left the area of the northern half of the Republic on May 28 to return to their native places, looking forward to the day of the unification of the fatherland.

Looking back with deep emotion on the happy days they spent during their stay in the northern half of the Republic, brief as it was, the fishermen of the southern half extended the highest honour and deepest thanks to Marshal Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader of the 40 million Korean people, who, concerned with fatherly love about the plight and misfortunes of the South Korean people, brightly indicated the road ahead of the South Korean people and showed paternal love and solicitude for them so that they may be provided with daily necessaries needed on their way home and with rice, fish and so on to help them in their living after their return to their native places, and reverentially wished good health and a long life to Marshal Kim Il Sung.

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